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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ACTION PROGRAM

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SUMMARY: EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF CUSTOMS TRAINING
TEAM LEADER O/ A MARCH 19. AFTER HIS VISIT WE WILL
SUPPLEMENT OUR REPLY TO REFTEL BASED ON HIS MEETINGS
WITH EMBASSY. COMMENTS ON TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT
CONTAINED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY' S REPLY REFTEL GEARED TO NUMBERED
PARAGRAPHS THEREIN.

2. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT BEIRUT OF CUSTOMS TRAINING
TEAM LEADER PRESENTLY IN PAKISTAN. PRESUME DEPT WILL
ADVISE HIM OF THIS AND REQUEST HE CONFIRM TO US HIS
FLIGHT ARRIVAL. RESERVATIONS MADE AT PHOENICIA HOTEL.
WE ANTICIPATE PROVIDING NAME OF CANDIDATES FROM
LEBANESE CUSTOMS MIDDLE MANAGERS TRAINING FOR MID- MAY,
BUT FACT COURSE IN ENGLISH ONLY (VS FRENCH) LIMITS
NUMBER QUALIFIED.

3. EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED GOL FOR TWO SENIOR POLICE
EXECUTIVES FOR PET TRAINING FY 73. APPROPRIATE OFFICE
SEEKING GOL AUTHORIZATION AND WE WILL CABLE NAMES WHEN APPROVED.
EMBASSY PRESUMES THAT TRAINEES MAY ARRIVE ANY TIME WITHIN
THIS FISCAL YEAR AS LONG AS WE GIVE SIX WEEKS ADVANCE
NOTICE AND THAT USG WILL FUND COMPLETE PROGRAM
INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PERDIEM.
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4. REQUEST DEPT HOLD TWO SPACES JUNE 25 COURSE AND WE WILL ADVISE CANDIDATES NAMES AS SOON AS GOL APPROVES THEM.

5. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: WE EXPECT REPLY FROM CUSTOMS ON DETAILS REQUESTED WITHIN WEEK AND WILL ADVISE. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION ON NARCOTICS BUREAU SYSTEM:

- A. INTEGRATED SYSTEM.
- B. TEN MILES APPROXIMATELY.
- C. BUREAU HAS FACILITIES TO SET OWN FREQUENCIES AND HAVE THEIR OWN CRYSTALS.
- D. TWO (ONE FOR INDEPENDENT USE BY NARCOTICS BUREAU AND OTHER AS PART OF INTEGRATED SYSTEM WITH OTHER GOL ENFORCEMENT UNITS).
- E. MOTOROLA HT 400 AND HT 220. BOTH REQUESTED IN TWO CHANNELS.
- F. BUREAU HAS FULL CAPABILITY MAINTAIN AND REPAIR EQUIPMENT.

6. OTHER EQUIPMENT:

- A. CONCUR WITH QUANTITY DISPOSAKITS. IS BOOKLET TRI-LINGUAL? IF NOT, REQUIRE ARABIC TEXT.
- B. IF MANUAL IN FRENCH THIS MORE USEFUL; OTHERWISE PRESENT MANUAL ACCEPTABLE.
- C. THIRTY- FIVE OPTIC MIRRORS SUFFICIENT; THIS INCLUDES SPARES AND REPLACEMENTS. ONE HUNDRED CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE, ESPECIALLY WITH NEW PRICES QUOTED (\$100 VERSUS \$5).
- D. HOST COULD NOT ACCEPT FORD PRODUCT SINCE IT ON ARAB BOYCOTT LIST. JEEP ALSO NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR SAME REASON. IF BLAZER IS AMERICAN MOTORS AND SCOUT IS GENERAL MOTORS, THESE ACCEPTABLE. LEBANESE CUSTOMS, HOWEVER, HAS NOW ADVISED EMBASSY THAT ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR SEVEN FOUR- WHEEL VEHICLES SHOULD BE AMENDED SINCE CUSTOMS RECENTLY OBTAINED SEVERAL SUCH VEHICLES. ADDITIONALLY, IN RE- APPRAISAL OF ITS MOTOR VEHICLE CAPABILITY, IT SHOWS DEFICIENCY IN STANDARD FOUR- DOOR INTERMEDIATE SEDAN (I. E., DODGE DART TYPE) AND FOUR- DOOR STATION WAGONS. THESE VEHICLES REQUIRED FOR HIGH SPEED HIGHWAY PATROL WHERE FOUR- WHEEL DRIVE DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT SPEED. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, CONFIDENTIAL

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FOUR SEDANS AND THREE STATION WAGONS BE APPROVED

IN LIEU SEVEN FOUR- WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES. BASIC REQUIREMENT
IS FOR STANDARD TRANSMISSION AND, DUE LOCAL LIMITED
AVAILABILITY SPARE PARTS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES,
EMBASSY SUGGESTS THESE VEHICLES BE DODGE OR PLYMOUTH.
E. QUANTITY BINOCULARS APPEARS APPROPRIATE.
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